



CONSENT CALENDAR
November 9, 2021

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Taplin
Subject: Budget Referral: Strawberry Creek Lodge Food Program

RECOMMENDATION

Refer to the Annual Appropriations Ordinance (AAO) #1 budget process \$100,000 for the Strawberry Creek Lodge Food Program.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

\$100,000.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

Last year, the City of Berkeley provided a grant of \$100,000 to provide subsidized meals for low-income seniors who reside at the Strawberry Creek Lodge, a senior housing apartment complex owned by the Strawberry Creek Lodge Foundation. The Foundation’s planned kitchen repairs have been delayed for 18 months, since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the community needs continuous funding for their meal program.

Renewing the City’s grant for the Strawberry Creek Lodge Food Program is a Strategic Plan Priority Project, advancing our goal to provide housing support services for our most vulnerable community members.

BACKGROUND

Strawberry Creek Lodge has provided housing for low- and moderate-income housing for 150 seniors since the early 1960s. The City first provided a grant for the Lodge’s meal program in 2020 after an Urgency Item was submitted on November 19, 2019 to amend the budget for Fiscal Year 2020.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

None.

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